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from my present notes, personally made, it will not be exhaustive, but it will be accurate in data given.

Respectfully,

E. H. THOMPSON,
Consul.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

[Inclosure.]

Report on Cozumel Island.

The island of Cozumel lies upon the east coast of Yucatan. It is separated from the mainland by the Cozumel Canal about 16 kilos wide. The nearest point to the mainland is about midway down the west coast of the island. At this point it is separated from the mainland by a strip of water only 15 kilos wide, it is said.

The island itself is a low level of land about 50 kilometers long by 15 wide. Its principal town is San Miguel, upon the western angle of the north coast. Its imports are few and unimportant. Its exports are fish, fresh and salt; turtles, green; and tortoise shell, and fruits. Its contact with the outer world is of a desultory character. Fishing vessels from Cuba and from Spain come to fish in its waters. An occasional fruit steamer calls to gather up a cargo for New Orleans. The rest of its trade is almost exclusively with Progreso, Yucatan.

Yellow fever at Laguna.

PROGRESO, March 4, 1900.

SIR: My dispatch to the Department, bearing date of March 3, contained a report upon the island of Cozumel, written in obedience to telegraphic instructions, given by you. This report ended very abruptly, for which you will kindly excuse me. The mail steamer was about to sail and a storm was threatening. I did not dare to delay the sailing of the vessel lest danger befall her, and if I had not sent it on as it was it would have been left behind till this steamer. I deemed the matter was of more importance than the form and so let it go as it was.

Laguna has developed several cases of yellow fever within two days. One case died yesterday and 1 will probably die to-day. Campeche has no cases of contagious diseases. Merida, Yucatan, has a mild epidemic of measles and a few cases of scarlet fever, but no yellow fever. No signs of bubonic plague.

Respectfully,

EDWARD H. THOMPSON,
Consul.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

NETHERLANDS.

Quarantine against Aden on account of plague.

AMSTERDAM, March 1, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith declaration of quarantine by the Dutch Government against Aden (Arabia).

Respectfully,

FRANK D. HILL,
Consul.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

[Inclosure.]

The minister of the interior (Binnenlandsche Zaken) of the Netherlands has, in accordance with the law of March 28, 1877, as amended by the law of April 8, 1893, declared the port of Aden (Arabia) to be infected with the pest, and that a quarantine of ten days shall be enforced against the same.